

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 035954
ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DHA-02 H-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07
NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /031 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/IRN:CWNAAS:MRC
APPROVED BY NEA:SSOBER
D/HA:KHILL (DRAFT)
H:RFLATEN (DRAFT)

-----170820Z 074059 /23-11
R 170035Z FEB 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 035954

FOR CHARGE FROM SOBER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IR, US, SHUM

SUBJECT: REZA BARAHENI

REF: TEHRAN 0603 AND 1520

1. WE CAN UNDERSTAND GOI IRRITATION WITH THE VARIOUS
WRITTEN AND ORAL STATEMENTS OF REZA BARAHENI AND THE
VIEWS WHICH HE IS DISSEMINATING. HOWEVER, AS YOU WELL
KNOW, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO OR SHOULD TRY TO DO TO
INTERFERE WITH HIS RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH. INASMUCH AS WE
CANNOT GIVE A RESPONSE TO KHALATBARY WHICH WOULD BE FULLY
RESPONSIVE TO HIS CONCERNS, WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO TAKE
INITIATIVE TO REPLY TO HIS APPROACH. IT WOULD PROBABLY
BE BEST IF ISSUE WERE QUIETLY LAID TO REST. HOWEVER, IF

HE AGAIN RAISES MATTER YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON TALKING
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 035954

POINTS IN PARA BELOW.

A. WE HAVE NOTED VARIOUS STATEMENTS BY REZA BARAHENI AND
AGREE THAT THEY CANNOT HELP BUT BE IRRITATING TO THE GOI.

B. FREE SPEECH, HOWEVER, IS GUARANTEED UNDER OUR CON-
STITUTION AND LAWS AND OUR OWN LEADERS, AS WELL, ARE

SUBJECTED TO INTENSE, AND NOT INFREQUENTLY SCURRILOUS,

CRITICISM. THE AMERICAN PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ARE PRIVATELY OWNED AND WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHO WILL OR WILL NOT APPEAR ON PROGRAMS OR BE ALLOWED TO WRITE ARTICLES FOR NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS.

C. MR. BARAHENI HAS A VALID VISA AND, AS LONG AS HE IS LEGALLY IN THE UNITED STATES, HE HAS EQUAL PROTECTION OF OUR LAWS.

D. WE BOTH MUST KEEP HIS CHARGES IN PERSPECTIVE AND NOT PERMIT THEM TO INTERFERE WITH OUR TRADITIONALLY CLOSE TIES.

E. IN CASE THE GOI SHOULD POSSIBLY HAVE ANY UNCERTAINTY ON THIS SUBJECT, IT SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT THE USG HAS IN NO WAY BEEN INVOLVED IN MR. BARAHENI'S PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN NOR IS THE USG ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF MR. BARAHENI'S STATEMENTS.

F. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE, HAS FULL OPPORTUNITY AND RIGHT TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA INFORMATION WHICH IT BELIEVES COUNTERS MR. BARAHENI. (FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT ZAHEDI IS CONSIDERING AN INVITATION TO APPEAR ON 60 MINUTES TO REFUTE BARAHENI. END FYI.)

HARTMAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 035954

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: HUMAN RIGHTS, DISSIDENT FACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE035954
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: CWNAAS:MRC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770056-0846
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770231/aaaabbno.tel
Line Count: 97
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 869917c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 TEHRAN 603
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3294687
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REZA BARAHENI
TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, IR, US, (BARAHENI, REZA)
To: TEHRAN
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/869917c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009